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ROBERT MULHOLLAND, NBC News, Chicago, Illinois, currently handling news coverage in Dallas, Texas, was interviewed in Room 858 of the Marriott Motor Hotel. He advised that he was not present as a newsman in the Dallas City Hall on November 24, 1963, when LEE HARVEY OSWALD was shot by JACK RUBY.

Since the time of that shooting, he had worked with GENE BARNES of the NBC News Staff, Los Angeles, California, but in talking with BARNES did not mention that he, MULHOLLAND, had talked in Dallas to a man named FAIRY or FERRIE. He never mentioned to BARNES that this man was a narcotics addict, now out on bail on sodomy charges in Dallas, or that the man had told him OSWALD had been under hypnosis from a man doing a mind reading act at RUBY's Carousel. He did mention to BARNES, however, that FAIRY or FERRIE was supposed to be a private detective and the owner of an airplane.

MULHOLLAND explained that what had actually happened was that he had been in telephonic contact with JOHN COPORAN, News Director of WDSU, New Orlenas, Louisiana, three or four days ago. At that time, COPORAN told him that either the FBI or the local police in New Orleans, Louisiana, were supposed to have picked up and questioned a man named FERRIE. FERRIE was questioned because information had been received from an anonymous source that he was the person who had taught OSWALD how to shoot a rifle. Information secured from COPORAN indicated that in the interview of FERRIE by the law enforcement officers, FERRIE had denied knowing OSWALD.

Based on this information secured from COPORAN, MULHOLLAND did some speculating of his own in conversations with other newsmen in the Dallas area since November 24, 1963. He speculated later that if FERRIE was a private detective, then he could logically have sources to secure fictitious documents, including certificates or diplomas.

BILL DeMAR, ventriloquist, who was doing an act at the Carousel Club for JACK RUBY, might have desired some fictitious medical documents to enhance his reputation as a mind reader and might have secured these documents from FERRIE if he

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